

HOUSE BILL NO. 568

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE MUST BE APPOINTED IN A MANNER THAT, AS NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE, REPRESENTS THE PARTY DIVISION IN EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-2-205, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-2-205, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-205. Authority for standing Standing committees -- appointments -- authority to meet during interim. (1) The standing committees of the legislature, as provided for in legislative rules, must be appointed in a manner that as nearly as practicable represents the party division in each house of the legislature.

(1)(2) Except as provided in 5-2-202 and subsection (2) (3) of this section, a standing committee of the legislature, as provided for in legislative rules, may not meet during the interim between regular legislative sessions.

(2)(3) Upon approval of the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, a standing committee may meet before a special session, as provided in 5-3-101, or during a special session."

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